



Council Newsletter

CITY MANAGER'S NOTES March 1, 2018

Upcoming Council Meetings

City Council will meet on **Monday, March 5, 2018**. A Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Council will meet on **Monday, March 12, 2018**. A Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Informational Items

The following attachments are in response to City Council requests, as well as other informational items.

1. Englewood Herald article: Littleton Council approves biogas project funding
2. Denver Post article: Small business near Columbine does its part to help Florida students cope with tragedy
3. Staff Memo: EMRF NavPont Status Update
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Littleton council approves biogas project funding

Littleton ready to foot half the bill for project to turn sewage gas into money

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Littleton City Council gave its blessing to a plan to capture and sell waste gases produced at the Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant, pledging \$4 million from the city's sewer budget reserves toward the project's \$8 million price tag, with Englewood slated to pony up the other half if its council also approves the cash financing method.

The Littleton council approved the funding by a 6-1 vote at their Feb. 20 meeting, with Councilmember Carol Fey voting against the measure.

The plan, which was first presented to city council in July 2017, seeks to take advantage of a federal program that allows for selling renewable energy credits, called RINs, or "resource identification numbers." RINs are assigned to batches of renewable fuel that are sold in the energy market — in this case, that fuel would be the byproduct called "biogas," which comes from the treatment process at the Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Currently, the plant burns 90 percent of the biogas produced at the plant, said Public Works Director Keith Reester. The remaining 10 percent is recaptured to fire digesters at the plant. The gas is flared rather than simply released because it is a greenhouse gas that is significantly more harmful to the environment in raw form than burned into carbon, Reester said.

Under the current timeline, if Englewood agrees to the cash financing method, the cities will draw up contracts with brokers and contractors related to the construction of the infrastructure to capture the biogas between now and late May. The project would return to Littleton's supervisory committee in July for final approval, then be presented at a joint meeting between Englewood and Littleton city councils, where each city would agree to a contract package for construction, which would begin in September. The project would be operational by early 2019, Reester said.

Revenue uncertain

Littleton's \$4 million investment would come out of its sewer budget reserves, which currently stand at around \$25 million. The plant pulled in \$15 million in revenue last year against expenditures of \$13 million. Englewood's sewer budget currently has about \$6 million in reserves, meaning their investment in the project under the cash financing model would eat up about two-thirds of their savings. Englewood has already budgeted for the expenditure but not yet approved it in council, Reester said.

Current financial models project the effort would recoup its investment within 3.2 to 4 years, according to city finance director Tiffany Hooten. The federal RIN program, created in 2002, runs through 2022, and it's unknown whether it will be renewed, Reester said.

The uncertainty of the credits beyond 2022 means time is of the essence, Reester said.

"The sooner a project like this gets online, the better it is for our financial picture," Reester said. "Obviously none of us can predict what will happen in Washington, D.C., but the industry is supportive of RINs in general."

If the program is not renewed, the plant could sell the fuel on the open market to companies or governments that fuel vehicle fleets with natural gas, Reester said, though the price of biogas without federal credits is unclear.

"In the worst-case scenario, if the RINs (credit) goes away after 2022, which we as staff and our consulting firms find very unlikely, then we'd be in a position to not get the quickest return on that investment," said City Manager Mark Relph. "We would have to look at alternatives on how to use that gas."

Relph offered a comparison to Grand Junction, which employs a similar biogas recapture project to fuel its city fleet at a cost of \$1.50 per gallon equivalent to diesel fuel.

Hooten, the finance director, said her estimates are conservative, and that real revenues might be as high as \$2.5 million to \$2.7 million a year, split evenly between Littleton and Englewood, shortening the time for return on the investment.

Reester said he foresees few snags because the project is straightforward and does not present significant engineering hurdles. The project does not require adherence to a state permitting or oversight process, he said.

"My biggest concern is that we're still in a relatively hot construction market," Reester said, "but even then there's not a lot of industrial construction beyond the oil and gas field out east. It should go quickly."

Council feels hopeful

City councilmembers largely felt good about the project.

"Long term I think it'll be a great investment," said Councilmember Patrick Driscoll. "Right now we're just flaring it off. Let's take advantage of this gas and reuse it for the right purposes. The four years to recuperate our costs is a smart decision."

Councilmember Karina Elrod wasn't dissuaded by the financial projections.

"I too had some concerns about the financial risks potentially associated with this, but I've seen that we are able to mitigate some of that risk based on how quickly we can get this built," Elrod said.

Councilmember Carol Fey, the lone vote against the appropriation, expressed some trepidation.

"I'm very much in favor of environmental conservation efforts," Fey said. "The part of this that bothers me is the financial aspect with the RINs that may not be around all that long. We're gambling with \$4 million of taxpayer money which may or may not pay off in the long run."

The potential benefits are worth the risk, said Councilmember Kyle Schlachter.

"I think the environmental benefits are great, and the financial risks, while they're there, are minimal and will allow us to turn waste into potential revenue," Schlachter said. "I'm not too worried about the lack of RIN credits hurting us financially."

BUSINESS

Small business near Columbine does its part to help Florida students cope with tragedy

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At first you wouldn't think that Englewood, Colorado's Flipside Pillow has a unique line of products. They just sell pillows, hats and sock, right? Sure, they're soft and snugly with sayings like "sleep well dream big" and "cherish each moment." But what really makes them unique is that they can be personally autographed and decorated. Now, Flipside's owner is using her skills – along with a group of volunteers – to deliver 300 of these pillowcases to students at Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, all with special messages from their community.

The horrific shooting has resonated deep in Englewood, a community only 15 minutes away from the also-horrific 1999 shootings at Columbine High School.

Many of the students at the Florida high school are reeling from last week's tragic shooting which took the lives of 17 of their friends and teachers.

After hearing some parents say their children were having difficulty sleeping, Melanie Avjean, the store's founder and so-called chief everything officer decided to take action. She rounded up a bunch volunteers and set to work doing what she does best: signing pillowcases with note of support and packing them up for shipment.

"Hopefully they'll sleep better and wake up happier," Avjean told a local Denver television station.

Many in Avjean's community – including a retired teacher who worked with students during the Columbine shooting – jumped on the opportunity to help. The result: 300 customized pillowcases autographed with messages of love and hope are on their way to Parkland, Florida.

"We are overwhelmed by the outreach," said Richard Stout, a parent of one of the surviving students who will be handing out the pillowcases. "It's just been wonderful in a dark time."

This isn't the only instance of Flipside giving back to its community. Avjean has in the past donated products and proceeds from her sales to causes supporting cancer research and programs to combat hunger.



Englewood McLellan Reservoir Foundation

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Tom Brennan, President EMRF

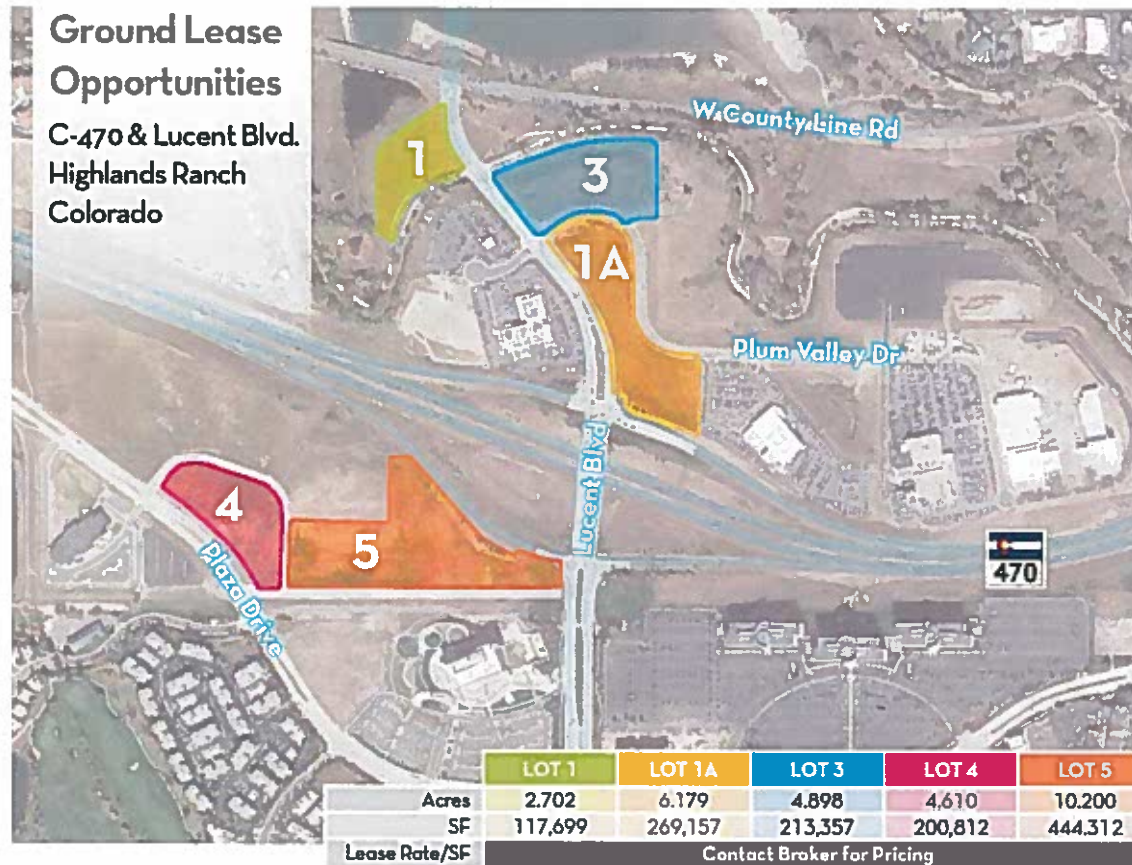
DATE: February 27, 2018

Subject: EMRF NavPoint Status Update

City Council approved extending the leasing agreement with NavPoint on January 4, 2018. At that time, Council requested periodic updates on their progress towards leasing the remaining parcels City property.

To protect the privacy of the potential lessees company names are not included. NavPoint is in negotiations with six potential lessees involving portions of PA84 Lot 1A and portions PA85 Lots 4 and 5. The groups consist of hospitality, retail, recreation, education and retail providers. I will update you as negotiations progress.

Lots and Sizes



See You There!

ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 7
6:30 PM**

COLORADO'S FINEST
HIGH SCHOOL OF CHOICE
300 W. CHENANGO AVE.

**THURSDAY
MARCH 15
6:30 PM**

SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER
PINE ROOM, 2nd FLOOR
501 E. HAMPDEN AVE.

WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR ENGLEWOOD?

Do you have ideas on what you would like to see Englewood become?



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**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD
2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mon., Mar. 5	5:00 p.m.	Election Commission, City Council Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session, Community Room
	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., Mar. 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Mar. 7	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
	6:30 p.m.	Community Workshop, Colorado's Finest High School of Choice
Thurs., Mar 8	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee, City Council Conf-Room
Mon., Mar 12	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session, Community Room
Tues., Mar. 13	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., Mar. 14	6:30 p.m.	Community Workshop, Swedish Medical Center, Pine Room
	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Mon., Mar. 19	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., Mar. 20	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Mar. 21	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Fri., Mar. 23	8:00 a.m.	Meeting with Congresswoman DeGette, Community Room
Mon., Mar. 26	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Mon., Apr. 2	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Apr. 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference

		Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Apr. 4	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
Mon., Apr. 9	6:00 p.m.	Study Session
Tues., Apr. 10	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., Apr. 11	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., Apr. 12	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Malley Recreation Center, 3380 S. Lincoln St.
Mon., Apr. 16	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Apr. 17	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Apr. 18	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Apr. 23	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Wed., May 2	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
Mon., May 7	2:00 p.m.	Malley Center Trust Fund, Malley Recreation Center
	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., May 8	3:00 p.m.	NonEmergency Employees Retirement Plan
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room

TENTATIVE
STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS
FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 5	Study Session Capital Project Discussion Discussion of Community Strategy Workshop Framework After Action Report on Cyber Attack
March 5	Regular Meeting
March 12	Study Session RTD Chair and District Representative Meeting Council Policy and Procedure Review Discussion Council Strategy Session Potential Ballot Question/Issues Discussion
March 19	Study Session MUB1/MUB2 Commercial Code Requirements Discussion
March 19	Regular Meeting
March 26	Study Session Police Building Project Update Reduction of Speed Limit from 30 to 25 Throughout the Community Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Process Discussion Proposed Retirement Plan Code Changes
April 2	Regular Meeting
April 9	Study Session
April 16	Regular Meeting
April 23	Study Session
April 30	5 th Monday – No Meeting Scheduled
May 7	Regular Meeting
May 14	Study Session
May 21	Regular Meeting
May 24	Town Hall Meeting on ADUs
May 29	Study Session Discussion of ADUs

June 4	Regular Meeting
June 11	Study Session
June 18	Regular Meeting
June 25	Study Session Police Building Project Update

FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Board & Commission Presentations
Englewood Arts Hampden Hall Agreement Update
Small Cell Technology Discussion
Youth Commission Discussion
Building Use Tax Discussion
Immigration Policy Discussion
Home Rule Charter Amendment Discussion
Home Rule Charter Review
Aid to Other Agencies Funding Discussion
ULI Healthy Corridor Report Study

Boards and Commissions

Board and Commission Interviews (January and June)
Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee
Board of Adjustment and Appeals
Budget Advisory Committee
Code Enforcement Advisory Board (May)
Cultural Arts Commission
Election Commission
Englewood Housing Authority (February)
Keep Englewood Beautiful Commission (May)
Liquor Licensing Authority
Fire Pension, Police Pension and Retirement Board
Parks and Recreation Commission
Planning and Zoning Commission (February)
Public Library Board (June)
Transportation Advisory Committee
Urban Renewal Authority
Water and Sewer Board